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1. HQS USAREUR HAS NOTIFIED US THAT BEGINNING AT 1800 HOURS JANUARY 9 THE AFN NUREMBERG TRANSMITTER ON 611 KH WILL OPERATE AT APPROXIMATELY ONE THIRD NORMAL POWER DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS IN AN ATTEMPT TO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM OF INTERFERENCE WITH RADIO SARAJEVO. THIS MEASURE IS TAKEN AS A RESULT OF THE REFERENCED MONITORING REPORT WHICH INDICATES THE NUREMBERG TRANSMITTER IS THE MOST BOTHERSOME.

2. THE TECHNICAL OFFICERS INVOLVED NOTE THAT THE NOVEMBER MONITORING TESTS SUGGEST THAT SUCH A POWER REDUCTION IS ONLY A PARTIAL SOLUTION TO THE INTERFERENCE PROBLEM, BUT THAT IT IS THE ONLY FEASIBLE MEASURE WHICH

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CAN BE TAKEN IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE TO IMPROVE THE

SITUATION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT A CHANGE TO A DIFFERENT FREQUENCY IS NOT PRACTICAL TO CONSIDER UNTIL THE FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL FREQUENCY CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER. THE QUESTION MAY BE RAISED HOWEVER IN A PRELIMINARY MEETING IN BONN IN FEBRUARY.

3.HQS. USAREUR HAS BEEN EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE IN THIS MATTER AND HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO TAKE WHATEVER PRACTICAL MEASURES IT CAN TO DIMINISH INTERFERENCE FROM ITS TRANSMITTERS. BUT IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED IN DISCUSSING THE MATTER WITH YUGOSLAVIAN OFFICIALS THAT AFN IS BROADCASTING ON THIS FREQUENCY IN FULL ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL FREQUENCY ALLOCATION AGREEMENTS, AND THAT ITS TRANSMISSION ON THIS FREQUENCY IS SOLELY TO SERVE U.S. FORCES IN THE FRG.

4. WE WILL APPRECIATE YOUR REPORT ON THE EFFECT OF THE ABOVE POWER REDUCTION ON RECEPTION CONDITIONS ON THE RADIO SARAJEVO FREQUENCY.

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